Submarines Lying Idle Due to Lack of Maintenance

1363. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether few submarines are lying idle due to lack of maintenance; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to make these submarines sea-worth?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Accumulations in NDF

1364. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount accumulated in the National Defence Fund as on January 31st, 2000;

(b) the amount of compensation given to each martyr's family and total involvement so far;

(c) whether it is proposed to deposit the surplus amount for future use or divert it to some other urgent use like relief to super cyclone affected people of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) As on 31st January, 2000, a sum of Rs. 472.56 crores was collected in National Defence Fund (NDF).

(b) The following financial benefits have been given to the families of the soliders killed in Kargil operations, from NDF.

(i) grant of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per family for acquiring dwelling unit;